

Acton Historical Commission
472 Main Street
Acton, MA

November 2, 2009

Board of Selectmen
Town of Acton

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

A number of months ago, the Acton Historical Commission held a public hearing on behalf of Mr. Leo Bertolomi for permission to destroy the former Test House located on Powdermill Road. While we mandated the six month period in which Mr. Bertolomi was mandated under our Demolition By-Law to seek alternatives to destroying the structure, we have become recently aware that Mr. Bertolami might offer the structure to the town and pay for some of the costs involved.

At present, we feel that a number of sites have been considered and rejected for various reasons. We have looked at the location of the present sewer pumping station at the intersection of Main Street and High Street as the more favorable of locations.

Our discussions with Doug Halley suggests that Doug would be receptive to placing the structure on the site. Our immediate goal was to place the structure in a location where it would be utilized while finding itself surrounded by compatible structures. Doug has suggested that with modifications, the structure could probably replace the current building. Doug also wondered if the Test House could exist on the same lot for storage of emergency management materials or some other use eliminating the need to alter the structure.

Roland Bartl has been most helpful in finding out if different aspects of the process could be funded through Community Preservation funding. He has enlightened me enough to ask the Board of Selectmen, as Sewer Commissioners and as key movers of the various processes for your support in this project.

We currently have until November 9th, to complete the application and submit it. Previous to this, we need your support prior to any submission of paperwork since you will be ultimately supporting or rejecting our proposal to save this unique structure.

Sincerely yours,

William A. Klauer
Chairman